

HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

The September meeting of the Coon Rapids Historical Commission was brought to order by Chairperson Lyle Goff at 7:33 P.M. The September meeting was held in the Conference Room 4 of the Coon Rapids City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lyle Goff, Robert Powell, Boo Mills, Ron Wendel, Amy Graves, Jackie Dingley, Tracy Ekberg

ABSENT: Jim Marsolais and Luanne Koskinen

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 15th, 2013 HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES WAS MADE BY TRACY EKBERG AND SECONDED BY ROBERT POWELL. The Motion Passed Unanimously.

- a. Ron Wendel's Presentation and Discussion of the First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment (First Minn.) at the Battle of Gettysburg. 2013 is the 150th anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg.

Commission Member Wendel made a presentation on the First Minn. including their efforts at the Battle of Gettysburg. He put their major war deployments in the context of the history of the Civil War. He also laid out an overview of how they very likely "saved the day and therefore the nation" at the Battle of Gettysburg. At that battle, The First Minn. (that started out the war originally with 1,000 men) at the time of Gettysburg, had about 260 men assigned to stop a couple thousand southern troops from advancing. Out numbered 5 to 1, or more, the First Minn. fought to their deaths (220 some) and about 40 lived. But they stopped the assault of a couple thousand southern troops onto an undefended point in the north's line. The Commission appreciated better understanding the Anoka connection and the Minn. to the 150th anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg.

- b. Update on QR Bar Codes

Chairperson Lyle Goff updated the Commission that he is done with the QR Bar Code narrations.

- c. Formalizing QR Bar Code Markers for 2014

The Commission discussed how to finish out the Historical Mural's Bar Codes; over two years with four QR bar codes per year or doing all eight narratives in 2014. The Commission thought they could do all eight in 2014.

- d. Discussion of the Holiday Party

Jackie Dingley was given the authority to negotiate a room for a commission holiday party. Details will be formalized at the October meeting. (Each commission member is required to pay 100% their own way for the party.)

e. 2014 Chair and Vice Chair

After discussion;

MOTION BY AMY GRAVES, SECONDED BY JACKIE DINGLEY THAT ROBERT POWELL BECOMES COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON AND BOO MILLS BECOMES THE COMMISSION VICE CHAIRPERSON IN 2014. The Motion Passed Unanimously.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT POWELL SECONDED BY RON WENDEL THAT THE COON RAPIDS HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:02 P.M. The Motion Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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